GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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TECHNOLOGY MISSION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has restructured and implemented the Technology Mission on Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the new technology introduced for increasing the production;

(d) whether the Government provides assistance under Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM) to various States;

(e) if so, the details and the criteria for allocation of assistance during 2005-06 and 2006-07 so far, scheme-wise; and

(f) the extent to which the Government has been able to achieve its aims so far in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 287 DUE FOR REPLY ON 3RD SEPTEMBER, 2007.

(a) & (b): Government of India introduced the Technology Mission on Oilseeds in 1986 with a view to increasing the production and productivity of oilseeds and to make the country self reliant in edible oils. Subsequently, pulses, oil palm and maize were brought under the Technology Mission. However, the Mission was replaced by a Centrally Sponsored Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM) subsuming the erstwhile Oilseeds Production Programme(OPP), National Pulses Development Project (NPDP), Oil Palm Development Programme (OPDP) and Accelerated Maize Development Programme (AMDP). ISOPOM is under implementation from 1.4.2004 in major oilseeds, pulses, maize and oil palm growing States.

(c): Production technologies such as application of micronutrients (sulphur, zinc, boron etc.) in deficient soils, nutrition through bio-fertilizers, Integrated Pest Management (IPM), sprinkler/drip irrigation, soil amelioration through application of gypsum/lime etc. have been promoted under ISOPOM for increasing the production of oilseeds, pulses, maize and oil palm in the country.

(d) & (e): Government of India provides financial assistance to ISOPOM implementing States on 75:25 sharing basis for various production inputs in order to promote the popularization of improved production technologies. State-wise allocation of funds is made on the basis of area under cultivation of oilseeds, pulses, oil palm and maize and contribution of individual States to the total production of these crops, besides past performance of the States in respect of physical and financial achievements. The details of funds allocated to States during 2005-06 and 2006-07 are given in the Annexure.

(f): The country has achieved a production of 238.84 lakh tonnes in oilseeds, 142.31 lakh tonnes in pulses and 149.79 lakh tonnes in maize respectively during the year 2006- 07. As regards oil palm, an area expansion of 18176 hectare has been achieved during 2006-07.